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Catholic Commemorative Medal Society, Conroy Building, 2521 Mahoning Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio

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DIES FOR FIRST THREE CCMS ISSUES DESTROYED

The Franklin Mint in Yeadon, Pa. was the scene of the recent destruction of the obverse dies and hubs for the first three CCMS commemoratives. President George Barry and Secretary - Treasurer Theodore A. Parent were in attendance and personally witnessed the destruction. Afterwards, a notarized statement was filed to the effect that all obverse dies and hubs for the first three CCMS commemoratives have now been destroyed.

The dies for each CCMS commemorative are retained in the vaults of the Franklin Mint until CCMS is certain that all members receive their commemoratives. Once all members receive their medals, and all damaged proofs are replaced, the dies for that issue are destroyed.

Sometime in the near future, the obverse dies for the fourth through sixth issues will be destroyed. CCMS members will be advised of this occurance through a future NEWSLETTER article.

SURCHARGE FROZEN FOR NEXT SIX MONTHS

In conjunction with the National Commemorative Society, we are pleased to announce that we have covered our silver requirements for the next three issues at the current price of silver, which is somewhat lower than its recent high. We are able, therefore, to stabilize the surcharge for each of the next 3 issues at 65¢. This represents less than a 10% increase over the original issue price of $6.90, which compares quite favorably to the increased value of silver, which is better than 50%.

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT BARRY

"We are now embarking upon a new series together and one which we think will have a great

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Evangelos W. Frudakis Sculptor of the CCMS Life of Christ Series

Evangelos W. Frudakis was born May 13, 1921, in Rains, Utah. He studied at the Greenwich Work Shop, New York City, from 1935 to 1939; the Beaux Arts Institute of Design, New York City, from 1940 to 1941; the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, Philadelphia, Pa.

An instructor for many years, Mr. Frudakis also lectures and gives sculpture demonstrations. He is a National Academician, a Fellow of the National Sculpture Society and of the American Academy in Rome, Italy. Conferred Honorary Membership, American Institute of Commemorative Arts, New York, 1964.

His principal achievements include:

• *Coins and Medals:* Ted Shawn, Ruth St. Denis Coin-Medal, Jacobs Pillow, Mass.; Gemini Space Flights Coin-Medal, The National Commemorative Society; Dolley Madison Coin-Medal, Societe Commemorative de Femmes Celebres; Captain James Cook Medal, Hawaii Festival, Hawaii; Saint Damasus I Commemorative Medal, Catholic Commemorative Medal Society; Joseph Brant Commemorative Medal, International Fraternal Commemorative Society.

• *Sculpture:* Fishing Bear, Stone Marble, John Frederich Lewis, Philadelphia, Pa.; John F. Kennedy Portrait, Memorial Convention Hall, "Kennedy Plaza," Atlantic City, N. J.; Little Rock Library Fountain, "Icarus and Daedalus," Little Rock, Ark. (National Competition); Portraits of Senator Frank S. Farley, Atlantic City, N. J.; Stuart F. Louchheim, Philadelphia, Pa.; William Sylk, Philadelphia, Pa.; John F. Kennedy Monuments in Nashua, N. H. and Guaymas, Mexico.

• *Other works:* Plaques of Sir Albert Howard, Rodale Co., Eddystone Power Station, Philadelphia Electric Co., Pa., 1960; and the B. L. England Station, Atlantic City Electric Co., N. J., 1962; Committee Plaque, Washington, D. C.

• *Exhibitions:* Sculpture Guild, New York; Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts Annuals, Phila., Pa.; National Academy of Design Annuals, New York City; American Academy in Rome, Italy.

IN THE MAILBAG

CARDINAL SPELLMAN ISSUE QUESTIONED

I thought you advertised that the CCMS Series was to be a strictly limited issue. Now you issue the Cardinal Spellman Commemorative in a quantity determined by the number of those wishing to buy.

Roy J. Buettner (0250)
Allison Park, Penna.

• *Please be assured that the Cardinal Spellman issue is not being used as a device to circumnavigate the regular CCMS series principles of exclusiveness and limited issue. On the contrary, it is hoped that the public awareness of our society and its works through the means of this special issue will further its growing value. Remember, it is offered outside the regular series and the fact that it is optional shows that it is not a part of the regular series. To further this idea, the proofs have not been numbered, but have been hallmarked. Sterling silver proofs are offered only to members who exercise their options. Only the nickel silver proof-like medals will be advertised to the general public.*

As far as the regular series is concerned, we will never offer more than the one sterling silver proof per member and no additional specimens of any kind or other alloys will be offered to anyone. After each member receives his proof, the dies will be destroyed (see feature article on page 1).

TRULY OUTSTANDING

May I add a word of appreciation to the organizers and officers of the Society for the work they are doing. The medals that have been issued are outstanding and I look forward to receiving future issues.

Llewellyn F. Anderson (1578)
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

My wife and my son hold memberships in addition to myself in the Catholic Commemorative Medal Society and we are very pleased and happy to be members. All the medals thus far are very beautiful and we always look forward to the next issue.

W. N. Snellings (0109)
Champaign, Illinois

"EDITORIAL" CRITICIZED

It is to be hoped that CCMS will not continue to editorialize opinions as in the last paragraph of the February, 1968 NEWSLETTER. The church is not "coming alive"—the countless martyrs and pre-conciliar converts to Catholicism are glorious proof of undying vitality of Christ's one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

Mrs. Miguel J. Lozano (1631)
Prairie Village, Kansas

• *CCMS does not mean to editorialize or be controversial in any way. Perhaps it would have been better to say "a revitalized church eternally alive and facing modern day challenges." We thank you for calling this to our attention.*

POPE PAUL VI DESIGN APPLAUDED

I just received the Sixth Medal portraying his Holiness Paul VI and wish to commend the sculptor for his masterful portrayal of this noble man. Had this work been done from life, it couldn't have depicted his Holiness in a more sensitive manner.

B. D. Hammer (0234)
Malibu, California

PRESIDENT BARRY *(cont.)*

impact on the numismatic world since it will commemorate the Life of Christ. The Life of the Lord was eventful every single moment, but it would be an impossibility to depict every event so we have commissioned a Board of Advisors to help us determine the outstanding events to commemorate.

We have had many inquiries regarding the reverse of the medals in the coming series. We are pleased to announce that the reverse, as well as the obverse, of each commemorative will be entirely different. We at CCMS feel quite confident that this series will be one of the most beautiful in circulation today.

Your officers were in Philadelphia in March to discuss plans for the forthcoming series and were fortunate in meeting with with Mr. Evangelos Frudakis, who has been commissioned to sculpt the Life of Christ Series. Mr. Frudakis is recognized in the art world as an extremely dedicated and talented sculptor.

All in all, we feel that you will be quite pleased with, and very proud of, *your* forthcoming Life of Christ medals."

FOUNDER AMENT RETIRES

It is with regret that we announce the resignation of Mr. James Ament from the Board of Directors, but ill-health has forced him to make this move. Mr. Ament was the originator of the Catholic Commemorative Medal Society and will remain forever a part of our organization in spirit. We wish him the very best and a very happy retirement.

MEDAL No. 1
THE LIFE OF CHRIST SERIES

ISSUED BY THE CATHOLIC COMMEMORATIVE MEDAL SOCIETY

Now the origin of Christ was in this wise. When Mary his mother had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit. (But Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wishing to expose her to reproach, was minded to put her away privately.) But while he thought on these things, behold an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Do not be afraid, Joseph, son of David, to take to thee Mary thy wife for that which is begotten in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus; for he shall save his people from their sins." Now all this came to pass that what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet might be fulfilled. "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son; and they shall call his name Emmanuel"; which interpreted, "God with us."

So Joseph, arising from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him, and took unto him his wife. And he did not know her till she brought forth her firstborn son. And he called his name Jesus. (MATTHEW 1, 18-25)

Now it came to pass in those days, that decree went forth from Caesar Augustus that a census of the whole world should be taken. This first census took place while Cyrinus was governor of Syria. And all were going, each to his own town, to register.

And Joseph also went from Galilee out of the town of Nazareth into Judea to the town of

David, which is called Bethlehem — because he was of the house and family of David — to register, together with Mary his espoused wife, who was with child. And it came to pass while they were there, that the days for her to be delivered were fulfilled. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. (LUKE 2, 1-7)

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, Magi came from the East to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he that is born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East and have come to worship him." But when King Herod heard this, he was troubled, and so was all Jerusalem with him. And gathering together all the chief priests and Scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. And they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for thus it is written by the prophet, 'And thou, Bethlehem, of the land of Juda, art by no means least among the princes of Juda; for from thee shall come forth a leader who shall rule my people Israel'."

Then Herod summoned the Magi secretly, and carefully ascertained from them the time when the star appeared to them. And sending them to Bethlehem, he said, "Go and make careful inquiry concerning the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and worship him."

Now they, having heard the king, went their way. And behold, the star that they had seen in the East went before them, until it came and stood over the place where the child was. And when they saw the star they rejoiced exceedingly. And entering the house, they found the child with Mary his mother, and falling down they worshipped him. And opening their treasures they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they went back to their own country by another way. (MATTHEW 2, 1-12)

FRUDAKIS TO SCULPT LIFE OF CHRIST SERIES

The famed medalist Evangelos Frudakis has been commissioned by the CCMS Board to design and sculpt the Life of Christ Series. Mr. Frudakis has achieved much success in the world of art through his numismatic endeavors as well as numerous bas-relief sculptures.

In addition to the first medal in the Life of Christ Series received this month, Mr. Frudakis has also sculpted the Saint Damasus I Commemorative Medal which was issued to CCMS members in August of 1967. Many members have stated that this is the most popular medal in their collections.

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0003 CCMS SET PRESENTED TO CARDINAL SPELLMAN MUSEUM

Serial number 0003 of the first six CCMS medals was recently presented to the Spellman Museum. Presentation was made to Archbishop Terrence Cook, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of New York, and to Sister Mary Andrew, curator of the museum. Given to both as personal gifts were sterling silver proofs of the Cardinal Spellman Memorial Medal. Other Spellman presentations were made to the Vatican, the Youngstown Diocese, the American Numismatic Museum and the Smithsonian Institution. John W. McCormack, Speaker of the House, also was made a recipient, in view of our appreciation for his coining the legend for the obverse of the medal, which is, "A Soldier of the Lord."

ART STAFF REQUESTS RESEARCH MATERIAL

The CCMS art and research staff and Board of Advisors welcome the help and ideas of fellow members. Needed are any pictures, prints, sketches, etc. that

need not necessarily be returned. These should pertain to the following important events in the forthcoming Life of Christ Series: the Baptism, the Temptation, Choosing of the Twelve Apostles, the Miracle of the Bread and Fish, Jesus Walking on the Water, Sermon on the Mount, the Raising of Lazarus, Teaching of the Lord's Prayer, Changing Water into Wine, Cleansing of the Temple, Agony in the Garden, the Crowning with Thorns, the Crucifixion, the Resurrection, the Ascension and the Descent of the Holy Spirit. We also encourage members to send in their own sketches of mock-up medals and appropriate Biblical quotations for the legends. Special prizes will be given to contributors whose noteworthy ideas are incorporated.

LOST OR STOLEN CCMS PROOFS

Here is the first of a series of lists showing lost or stolen CCMS proofs in the mails. If anyone should come across any of these proofs, please immediately communicate with our CCMS office. In all cases, these proofs are the property of the CCMS since legal affidavits have been signed by the claimant, and postal investigation was completed by the U. S. Post Office. The replacement medal can easily be identified, since it will have an extra serial number on the bottom edge. When a missing medal is recovered after being duly replaced, then it is returned to the mint to be melted down.

Membership No.	*Proofs*
0020	1st
0224	1st
0275	4th
0507	5th
0556	2nd
0639	5th
0732	1st
0842	1st
1019	3rd
1078	1st
1111	3rd
1170	1st
1294	1st
1301	4th
1336	4th
1647	3rd
1678	5th
1679	5th
1772	4th
1806	2nd
1853	4th
1867	2nd
1879	4th
1888	2nd

The following list is of lost or stolen proofs, not involving mail shipment. None of these have authorized replacements, since they became lost or stolen after ownership was established. The Society has no legal claim on the following, but will do everything in its power to return them to their rightful owner. The Society shall give a generous reward for information leading to the recovery of any proofs found to be held illegally.

Membership No.	*Proofs*
1210	1st
1362	1st thru 3rd

IN THE MAILBAG

FIRST SERIES COMMENTS

Having completed the series of medals on the Popes, I was proudly displaying one of them in Governor Rhode's Office and his secretary became extremely fascinated with it to the extent that she asked me to please find out whether or not there was a membership available.

Lt. Gov. John W. Brown (0800)
Columbus, Ohio

• *A membership has just been made available to her and we welcome Miss Emma Scholz to our Society. A note of interest is the fact that the Honorable John W. Brown is a 32° Mason along with nearly a hundred others on our membership rolls. With this kind of brotherly spirit, we can truly say we have an ecumenical society!*

Holding membership in the CCMS promotes a feeling of deep humility and great pride. The first six medals commemorating selected Popes project a true religious inspiration, a rich historical background, outstanding aesthetic accomplishment and may achieve considerable numismatic value. The medals to follow will, no doubt, be of high interest and comparable beauty.

Carl Harmon (1885)
Aurora, Illinois

The first series of medals is complete and is magnificent! I could fill a page with superlatives and not properly do justice to any one medal in the set of six.

Patrick J. Crean (1225)
Ossining, New York

AWARDS WON

This is to advise you that my display of medals at the Scranton Coin Show, April 27th and 28th took "First Place" and "Best of Show" honors. I was proud to have the CCMS medals as part of my display.

Lila Farber (0283)
Scranton, Penna.

SPELLMAN KUDOS

Thank you! We like the memorial medal idea very much.

Mother Mary Leandro (1224)
Our Lady of Angels College
Glen Riddle, Penna.

I want to congratulate you for that magnificent medal in honor of Francis Cardinal Spellman. I consider all the medals wonderful, but I have been amazed with this one.

Dr. C. J. Zamora Pamies (0829)
San Sebastian, Puerto Rico

I received my Cardinal Spellman Medals and they are just beautiful. Words can't express how I feel about my collection so far.

Dorothy E. Bednarik (0627)
Atwater, Calif.

I would like to say that the Society should be commended for the Cardinal Spellman Memorial Medal.

Please let me know if individual cases could be made available for all of our medals, similar to the Spellman Case.

Richard W. Weithman (0150)
Toledo, Ohio

• *Yes, the beautiful presentation cases that housed our Spellman medals are available for $2.50 each or $12.00 for a set of six, both postpaid.*

ANNIVERSARY

Happy Anniversary! I would like to take this opportunity to say that our first year was a most rewarding experience.

Judging from the first medal in our second series, this year will be one of great anticipation. Keep up the good work!

In closing, I would like to say, "Mr. Ament, you have filled a part of our lives with a great joy. I wish you the very best in your retirement."

Thomas V. King (1153)
Uniondale, N. Y.

I wish to take this opportunity to say that each and every medal that has been issued to date, including the beautiful Cardinal Spellman Medal, has truly been a work of art. I am indeed happy to own them, along with my membership in the CCMS. Your choice of artists and their work, has been splendid, and I know that all future works will be the same.

Richard E. Manners (1893)
Union City, N. J.

I am very happy with my collection of these beautifully struck medals. Everyone I show them to says that they have never seen medals so perfectly struck.

C. E. Schmerber (0723)
Cincinnati, Ohio

The quality of workmanship of the CCMS medals is outstanding. They are brilliantly sculptured and designed.

I have received the Cardinal Spellman Medal, and am as pleased with it, as with all the previous medals.

Larry C. Dziuk (0510)
Devils Lake, No. Dakota

MEDAL No. 2
THE LIFE OF CHRIST SERIES

ISSUED BY THE CATHOLIC COMMEMORATIVE MEDAL SOCIETY

And when eight days were fulfilled for his circumcision, his name was called Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

And when the days of her purification were fulfilled according to the Law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord — as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord" — and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

And behold, there was in Jerusalem a man named Simeon, and this man was just and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. And he came by inspiration of the Spirit into the temple. And when his parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he also received him into his arms and blessed God, saying,

"Now thou dost dismiss thy servant, O Lord, according to thy

word, in peace; because my eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all peoples: a light of revelation to the Gentiles, and a glory for thy people Israel."

And his father and mother were marvelling at the things spoken concerning him. And Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and for the rise of many in Israel, and for a sign that shall be contradicted. And thy own soul a sword shall pierce, that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."

There was also Anna, a prophetess, daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years from her maidenhood, and by herself as a widow to eighty-four years. She never left the temple, with fastings and prayers worshipping night and day. And coming up at that very hour, she began to give praise to the Lord, and spoke of him to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem.

And when they had fulfilled all things prescribed in the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, into their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong. He was full of wisdom and the grace of God was upon him.

And his parents were wont to go every year to Jerusalem at the Feast of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast. And after they had fulfilled the days, when they were returning, the boy Jesus remained in Jerusalem, and his parents did not know it. But thinking that he was in the caravan, they had come a day's journey before it occurred to them to look for him among their relatives and acquaintances. And not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem in search of him.

And it came to pass after three days, that they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who were listening to him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. And when they saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why hast thou done so to us? Behold in sorrow thy father and I have been seeking thee."

And he said to them, "How is it that you sought me? Did you not know that I must be about my Father's business?" And they did not understand the word that he spoke to them.

And he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them; and his mother kept all these things carefully in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and grace before God and men. (LUKE 2, 21-52)

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LIFE OF CHRIST SERIES EXTENDED

Following many meetings and much deliberation . . . listing suggestions . . . adding and deleting . . . the Catholic Commemorative Medal Society officers and the members of the clergy, serving in an advisory capacity, have arrived at what we believe to be an encompassing depiction for the "Life Of Christ" series.

The first realization was that the series could never be accomplished in just six medals, utilizing both obverse and reverse. To further emphasize this fact, one must remember that every day that Christ spent on earth was in itself an event. But, under careful guidance and advice, we believe that the outstanding events can be recorded in twenty-four sides.

It is only fitting that, as a Christian organization, the "Life Of Christ" should be our greatest and most noble work. Nowhere, in the medallic arts world, has so epic a task ever been attempted. Therefore, in order that justice be done, it was decided to devote twelve medals to the series.

Our clerical advisors, Father Lileas and Father Klein, were of the greatest help in bringing to our sight and mind the true meanings of Christ's words and actions. It was further pointed out to us, the varying chronological differences in some of the events which shows that in those times (Christ's), the events, as they were remembered, were recorded and did not necessarily mean that they followed one another in time.

In fact, a few of the events, being so well known, have been accepted as generalities. By that is meant, that they are so important that they stand alone. So well known, that they are accepted as having always been and always will be.

You will find, as the series unfolds under the skillful and dedicated hands of Mr. Frudakis, the *true* magnitude of this task that we have set before us . . . that of depicting the greatest story ever told . . . the always new . . . "LIFE OF CHRIST."

LIFE OF CHRIST SERIES

In order to help you to know what to expect, the following is the plan for the events included for the Life Of Christ medallic series:

1. Obv.—The Nativity
   Rev.—The Three Wise Men
2. Obv.—Christ In The Temple
   Rev.—The Holy Family
3. Obv.—The Baptism
   Rev.—The First Miracle
4. Obv.—The Divine Healer
   Rev.—The Good Shepherd
5. Obv.—Sermon On The Mount
   Rev.—The Lord's Prayer
6. Obv.—The Temptation
   Rev.—Choosing The Twelve
7. Obv.—Miracle Of The Bread And Fish
   Rev.—Ministry Of Christ
8. Obv.—Cleansing Of The Temple
   Rev.—Jesus Walks On The Sea
9. Obv.—Raising Of Lazarus
   Rev.—The Last Supper
10. Obv.—Agony In The Garden
    Rev.—Way Of The Cross
11. Obv.—The Crucifixion
    Rev.—The Resurrection
12. Obv.—The Ascension
    Rev.—Descent Of The Holy Spirit

As you will note, we have decided upon title themes rather than biblical quotations. As you no doubt know, there is just so much space devoted for lettering and some quotations from the events in Christ's life were somewhat lengthy and rather than trying to edit them and perhaps err, we adopted the title theme. Another deciding factor was simplicity which so much exemplifies the life of Christ. In simplicity there is beauty and we would like you to have the most beautiful medallic art series.

HOLDS AND PAYMENTS

It has always been and will continue to be our aim to bring you the finest in medallic art at the least expense and one thing that will continue to make this possible can only be accomplished through your help.

Keeping track of holds through late payments is an exhausting task and opens the door to much delay and confusion. We realize it is only human nature to forget through involvement in everyday living. We are quite prone to this here in the CCMS offices.

Ordinarily, each medal is shipped direct to the member from the mint if his membership is up to date. When in arrears, the medal is held back and then shipped to our office. Here it is posted, reminders sent and from there the expense mounts. It would be greatly appreciated by the staff if all payments, if possible, were kept up to date. It is even possible to pay far in advance if you choose in order to avoid any error, and keep your society progressive and fluent. Thank you.

IN THE MAILBAG

SPELLMAN ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

I wish to thank you and, through you, Mr. George Barry for your kindness and thoughtfulness in sending us the sterling silver medals honoring the ecumenical popes. They are now occupying a special place in the Cardinal Spellman numismatic collection.

I also appreciate your goodness in sending the extra medals for me and I assure you that I shall enjoy having them.

Sister Mary Andrew was delighted to receive the medals you sent to her. She is indeed a faithful curator of our collection.

With many thanks for your kind good wishes and for your generosity.

Terrence J. Cooke
Archbishop of New York

Mrs. McCormack and I deeply appreciate the commemorative Cardinal Spellman medal which you so kindly and thoughtfully sent to us.

As you no doubt know the late Cardinal Spellman was a close and valued friend of both Mrs. McCormack and myself for many many years. We both shall miss him very much.

He was a great American and a wonderful priest. Again, I want to tell you how much Mrs. McCormack and I deeply appreciate having this commemorative medal which will be a treasured possession of ours for many years to come.

John W. McCormack
Speaker of the House of Representatives

AWARDS WON

Recently the Leavenworth Kansas Coin Club had its annual show. I displayed our wonderful medals. Since the club did not have an area for commemorative medals, a special award along with a beautiful trophy was awarded to our display. The trophy is inscribed "The President's Special Award for the Best of Show in Medallic

Beauty." I'm rather proud to be the possessor of such a collection, and would like the membership to know how happy I am.

LTC Anthony J. Adessa (1629)
Encinitas, Calif.

ALBUM UNDER CONSIDERATION

Why not an album that could hold say 30 medals? Does the Society have anything in mind as far as this matter is concerned?

Also, could you tell if there are any members from the Pittsburgh area?

John P. Majewski (0295)
Pittsburgh, Penna.

• *The idea of an album seems to be a popular one with a lot of members and we have been giving it consideration. As soon as a decision is made, you, and all CCMS members, will be informed through a* NEWSLETTER *article.*

Any member from the Pittsburgh area who wishes to, may send a letter to Mr. Majewski c/o CCMS and we shall forward it on to him.

MONTANA MEMBERS

I noticed in the October, 1967 issue of the NEWSLETTER that there are only 5 members of the Society from Montana. If it isn't too inconvenient, I would appreciate it very much if you would send me their names and addresses. I am very proud of being a Charter Member of the Society and the medals so far have been beautiful.

James A. Powers (0972)
Butte, Montana

• *It is against our policy to divulge the names and addresses of CCMS members. Because of the increasing number of coin thefts, and the chance of the names and addresses falling into the wrong hands, the Board of Directors decided not to relinquish this information. However, should anyone wish to correspond with Mr. Powers, they may write to us and we in turn will forward the letter.*

QUESTION

Do you have a medal, or pin of the society's emblem?

William S. Sanders (1175)
Glendale, California

• *If enough members are interested in a special medal or pin, we would be glad to have one made up. Your comments are welcome.*

KUDOS

Everyone I show the medals to is surprised how perfectly they are struck. I have been collecting coins and medals for 30 years and have a complete set of the Bronze Presidential medals that come from the U. S. Mint.

C. E. Schmerber (0723)
Cincinnati, Ohio

MEDAL NO. 3
THE LIFE OF CHRIST SERIES

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Now in those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the desert of Judea, and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." For this is he who was spoken of through Isaias the prophet, when he said, "The voice of one crying in the desert: 'Make ready the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.'"

But John himself had a garment of camel's hair and a leathern girdle about his loins, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then there went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judea, and all the region about the Jordan; and they were baptized by him in the Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "Brood of vipers! who has shown you how to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth therefore fruit befitting repentance, and do not think to say within yourselves, 'We have Abraham for our father'; for I say to you that God is able out of these stones to raise up children to Abraham. For even now the axe is laid at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that is now bringing forth good fruit is to be cut down and thrown into the fire. I indeed baptize you with water, for repentance. But

he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to bear. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly clean out his threshing floor, and will gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn up with unquenchable fire."

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John, at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. And John was for hindering him, and said, "It is I who ought to be baptized by thee, and dost thou come to me?" But Jesus answered and said to him, "Let it be so now, for so it becomes us to fulfill all justice." Then he permitted him. And when Jesus had been baptized, he immediately came up from the water. And behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and coming upon him. And behold, a voice from the heavens said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." (MATTHEW 3:1-17)

And on the third day a marriage took place at Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Now Jesus too was invited to the marriage, and also his disciples. And the wine having run short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "What wouldst thou have me do, woman? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the attendants, "Do whatever he tells you."

Now six stone water-jars were placed there, after the Jewish manner of purification, each holding two or three measures. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them to the brim. And Jesus said to them, "Draw out now, and take to the chief steward." And they took it to him.

Now when the chief steward had tasted the water after it had become wine, not knowing whence it was (though the attendants who had drawn the water knew), the chief steward called the bridegroom, and said to him, "Every man at first sets forth the good wine, and when they have drunk freely, then that which is poorer. But thou hast kept the good wine until now."

This first of his signs Jesus worked at Cana of Galilee; and he manifested his glory, and his disciples believed in him. After this he went down to Capharnaum, he and his mother, and his brethren, and his disciples. And they stayed there but a few days. (JOHN 2:1-12)

NEWSLETTER

Catholic Commemorative Medal Society, Conroy Building, 2521 Mahoning Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio

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ALBUM TO REPLACE COLLECTOR'S CHESTS

The CCMS Board of Directors have voted unanimously to change over to an album at the termination of the Life of Christ Series. Soon. Directors will be negotiating with designers and manufacturers to give birth to a design that will hold at least 12 medals or more. In view of many requests from our members and since other societies are switching to albums, we feel this news will be most welcome. The cost of housing medals by an album will be substantially less than the present chests. It will be appreciated if members would write in their comments on what they consider an appropriate album design. Of special interest is the number of medals members would like the album to contain.

CARE OF CCMS MEDALS

Often the subject asked by collectors is the care of their medals and the conditions that will maintain them over a period of a lifetime. Medal collections can be safely kept at average inside living area temperatures and normal humidity levels. Most cellars are definitely to be avoided, especially if damp and humid. Damp air is the main agent involved in toning sterling silver.

Upon receiving each CCMS proof, always make sure the plastic holder parts are properly wedged together. This can be done by pressing firmly all the way around with your fingers. If the holder refuses to sort of snap or seat in place, then it should be replaced. Defective holders will be replaced at no charge. A good method of added insurance is to seal the edges of the holder with Scotch Brand Magic transparent tape of the "frosted" type only. The overlapping edges of tape can be trimmed off easily with a single edge razor blade. This makes a very neat job and effectively seals out the air.

If one of your medals seems to be turning to a golden tone, there isn't anything to be alarmed about. A loose holder was prob-

ably responsible or sometimes runs of silver tend to tarnish quicker than others, even though all proofs are strictly .925 pure sterling. A deeply toned silver medal or coin does not depreciate the value of it one iota. In fact, liquid preparations are widely marketed that actually tone by means of rapid chemical action, as there are many collectors who like their medals to have an "antique" appearance. As all old-time collectors know, silver tarnish is a situation that can be easily solved with a common "coin dip" obtainable at any coin shop. A good coin dip specifically for silver is usually a mild solution of sulphuric acid and thiourea. Note: Do not use the same solution where a copper or non-silver coin was dipped previously, as darker metals may discolor the silver by a chemical plating action. Be sure to read the general instructions on the label as to the recommended time the medal can safely be immersed.

In removing your proof from the protective holder, two Cardinal Rules must be observed. The first is to always hold any proof by the edges. A greasy fingerprint can often ruin the delicate proof surface, especially the mirror-like surface area. The second rule is never attempt to clean a proof with any cloth or handkerchief. Almost any cloth has minute harsh abrasives that easily score the proof field with tiny fine hairline scratches. Many times, what appears to be an abrasion or nick, is nothing more than a fragment of plastic that came loose from inside of the holder. If a plastic particle is adhered to the proof surface and refuses to lose its grip by blowing on it, try brushing it off lightly with an artist-type camel hair brush.

For most spots and discolorations, the coin dip and thorough washing under a running faucet are always the best means. After washing the proof, blot the medal between several layers of ordinary paper kitchen towels. Extreme caution must be exercised not to rub the proof, but only to blot it, and in a gentle manner! If a spot defies all these methods, a last resort can be tried by the use of a Q-Tip. Before applying the Q-Tip, blow lightly on the area to be cleaned to be sure no air-borne abrasives may have landed on it. Abrasives are literally everywhere and care should be taken to not lay the Q-Tip on the table or working area, but returned to the original closed container.

If all the above is beyond some of you, then may we suggest you send your problem medal to us via registered mail. Replacement of the damaged medal is in all probability impossible since the dies for the proof have probably been destroyed, but we will be happy to clean the medal for you. There is no charge for this cleaning service, but postage will be appreciated.

IN THE MAILBAG

LIFE OF CHRIST SERIES

Your medals of Christ are so very beautiful and I treasure them in a material way, but most of all in a spiritual way. True beauty should be for Christ and they are truly beautiful.

I bless the day that I enrolled in your society and the medals shall always be my most joyful treasure.

Mrs. Lester C. Huerd (0250)
Minneapolis, Minnesota

I am very pleased with the quality of the Catholic medals and personally judge them to be superior to those of the other societies.

Albert L. Steplock, Jr. (0781)
Winfield, Kansas

I treasure each of these medals. The workmanship is truly exquisite on each one of them. Each one tells a beautiful story. They are priceless.

Mary McCormick (1003)
New York, New York

Permit me to comment on The Nativity Medal: The legend "Glory to God in the Highest" would have been very appropriate with the Angels and the Shepherds, but not with the Wise Men!

Rev. M. R. Gremillion (0859)
Vivian, Louisiana

• *Thank you Father, for your very revealing opinion. After this first medal of the new series, it soon became evident that the use of biblical quotations runs into much controversy and different interpretations. Therefore, our clergy advisors recommended the use of titles for the balance of the series. Note: For more information about this, see page 2 of the August 1968* NEWSLETTER.

I am very fond of my collection, and the medals are not only truly symbolic, but of high artistic character. I am certain that some day my son will cherish them.

Dr. Frank A. Sportiello
(0984)
Staten Island, N.Y.

The Baptism and The First Miracle are simply exquisite.

Olwen Anderson (1579)
Toronto, Ont., Canada

I think your new medals are beautiful.

Irene Karek (1808)
Brantford, Ont., Canada

Congratulations for producing such outstanding medals to date! Keep up the good work.

Therese Leclerc (1182)
Manchester, N. H.

Just a reminder that we are very pleased with the medals.

Joe & Helen Dumala
(0142 & 0366)
Redwood, New York

I am proud to be a member of your Society and always wait anxiously for the next medal. Thank you for the beautiful medals so far.

George C. Brousseau (1586)
Los Angeles, Calif.

The medals of Christ are most beautiful, as are all previous ones. Also, I was wondering if the Society had any plans to commemorate Fatima's Miracle of the Sun?

John J. Gross (1547)
New Brunswick, N. J.

• *Indeed, the recent 50th anniversary of Fatima would make a fine tribute. May we hear from other members?*

I was very pleased to receive another outstanding medal, being the third medal in the Life of Christ Series. This medal is truly a great piece of work as the rest have been. I am also glad to see the extending of the current series to a two year period to enable you to complete the story.

A special medal or pin for the Society sounds like a fine idea. I know I am proud to be a member.

James R. Sekelsky (0715)
Park Falls, Wisconsin

I would like to see a special medal struck with the CCMS emblem on the obverse and in conjunction with the Life of Christ Series have a large bust of Christ on the reverse, since all of the Life of Christ Series show only full figures.

Carl Mantone (0644)
Middle Village, L. I., N. Y.

• *We think this is a wonderful idea. Will other members voice their comments? We will consider a vote be taken on this if enough response is heard. This is your Society, and as officers of your Society, we intend to follow the dictates and desires of the greater part of the membership!*

REQUESTS

I want to go on record as being very much in favor of having an album for the Catholic Medals that I have so much enjoyed.

Bernard Bressler, M.D. (0717)
Professor of Psychiatry
Duke University

May I suggest as a special issue, a commemorative of John and Robert Kennedy.

Naomi Scott (1309)
Roseburg, Oregon

MEDAL No. 4
THE LIFE OF CHRIST SERIES

ISSUED BY THE CATHOLIC COMMEMORATIVE MEDAL SOCIETY

This month's CCMS commemorative, unlike the first three issues in the Life of Christ Series, does not depict events which took place during Christ's life. This month's issue captures two important traits which characterized His entire life. The obverse is entitled The Divine Healer and refers to the many miracles that Christ performed. The reverse is called The Good Shepherd and represents Christ, the Shepherd, instructing the people, His flock.

Although this commemorative does not represent any particular event, we would like to present two occurrences which depict Christ's divine healing and His instruction of the faithful through a parable.

The Daughter of Jairus;
the Woman with a Hemorrhage

Now it came to pass when Jesus had returned, that the crowd welcomed him, for they were all waiting for him. And behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at the feet of Jesus, he entreated him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying.

And it happened as he went that he was pressed upon by the crowds. And a certain woman who for twelve years had had a hemorrhage, and had spent all her means on physicians, but could not be cured by anyone, came up behind him and touched the tassel of his cloak; and at once her hemorrhage ceased.

And Jesus said, "Who touched me?" But as all were denying it, Peter, and those who were with him, said, "Master, the crowds throng and press upon thee, and dost thou say, 'Who touched me?'" But Jesus said, "Someone touched me; for I perceived that power had gone forth from me." But the woman, seeing that she had not escaped notice, came up

trembling, and falling down at his feet, declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him and how she had been healed instantly. And he said to her "Daughter, thy faith has saved thee; go in peace."

While he was yet speaking, there came one from the house of the ruler of the synagogue, saying to him, "Thy daughter is dead; do not trouble him." But Jesus on hearing this word answered the father of the girl, "Do not be afraid; only have faith and she shall be saved."

And when he came to the house, he allowed no one to enter with him, except Peter and James and John, and the girl's father and mother. And all were weeping and mourning for her. But he said, "Do not weep; she is asleep, not dead." And they laughed him to scorn, knowing that she was dead. But he, taking her by the hand, cried out, saying, "Girl, arise!" And her spirit returned, and she rose up immediately. And he directed that something be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed, but he charged them to tell no one what had happened.

(LUKE 8:40-56)

Parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. And having agreed with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And about the third hour, he went out and saw others standing in the market place idle; and he said to them, 'Go you also into the vineyard, and I will give you whatever is just.' So they went. And again he went out about the sixth and about the ninth hour, and did as before. But about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing about and he said to them, 'Why do you stand there all day idle?' They said to him, 'Because no man has hired us.' He said to them, 'Go you also into the vineyard.' But when evening had come, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward. 'Call the laborers, and pay them their wages, beginning, from the last even to the first. Now when they of the eleventh hour came, they received each a denarius. And when the first in their turn came, they thought that they would receive more; but they also received each his denarius. And on receiving it, they began to murmur against the householder, saying, 'These last have worked a single hour, and thou hast put them on a level with us, who have borne the burden of the day's heat.' But answering one of them, he said, 'Friend, I do thee no injustice; didst thou not agree with me for a denarius? Take what is thine and go; I choose to give to this last even as to thee. Have I not a right to do what I choose? Or art thou envious because I am generous?' Even so the last shall be first, and the first last; for many are called, but few are chosen." (MAT. 20:1-16)

NEWSLETTER

Colonial Commemorative Medal Society, Century Bureau, 2021 Mahoning Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio

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CCMS WAITING LIST APPROACHES 1500

The Waiting List for discontinued CCMS memberships nearly approximates the present membership roles. Forfeited memberships in the current Life of Christ Series are averaging only one or two per month. At this rate, for most of those on this CCMS Waiting List, little hope for joining can be expected for several years. It can be noted here also, that since the inception of the CCMS, less than a half dozen complete CCMS sets have been offered for sale in the leading numismatic publications combined. The scarcity of sales and the reluctance to sell at any price bears witness to a continual growth to our CCMS Waiting List.

ALBUMS AND CHESTS QUESTION SETTLED

Since there are a considerable number of members who voiced their preference for retaining the collector's chest, the CCMS Board of Directors have decided to offer both the chest and the forthcoming album to satisfy both factions of the membership.

It should be noted that the projected album will not be ready until the latter part of next year. With this NEWSLETTER, an advance order form is enclosed for those wishing to order a collector's chest to house the last six medals of the Life of Christ Series. We can guarantee delivery only to those members whose checks or money orders reach our CCMS offices by January 31, 1969. Since the CCMS is able to stock only a few extra chests, orders after this date may have to be returned. Chests are ordered only once a year in February to qualify for the minimum quantity requested by the chest manufacturer. The higher costs on small orders make them prohibitive.

IMPORTANCE OF THE MAILBAG

The officers of the CCMS can not stress too lightly the impor-

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IN THE MAILBAG

TENDER LOVING CARE

Your instructions on the care of our medals was most informative and I appreciate sharing this knowledge. The Medals of Christ are exquisite and warrant T. L. C. (Tender Loving Care)!

Mrs. Triestine D. Cutrona (1103)
Long Island, N. Y.

MORE APPLAUSE

My wife and I are very proud of our medals. The latest medal of The Good Shepherd is the most beautiful. We would like to see the CCMS put out a special medal with the Society's emblem. It would be nice in a larger size.

Michael A. Ksiazek (1821)
Dravosburgh, Penna.

The LCS 4 (Divine Healer and The Good Shepherd) was just received and it's a gem as all the medals in the series. In reference to Fatima—very definitely! And a large bust of Christ should be the finale of the series.

Francis D. Buser (0623)
Pueblo, Colorado

The medals are one of my prized possessions. Anyone that sees them enjoys looking them over again and again. I seem to have lost the identification plate for Medal No. 3, Life of Christ Series. Would it be possible for you to send me another? I would gladly pay any charge if due.

William Gottschalk (1252)
Forest Hills, N.Y.

• *Anyone else missing nameplates or* NEWSLETTERS *need only write an informal note of request on the back of their next invoice. There is no charge.*

There comes a time in the life of everyone when he has to open up. Since its beginning, CCMS has brought out and executed delightfully designed material. I've quietly and hermit-like enjoyed them down to the present time and I just had to express myself. All my guests have been exuberant in their praises.

Al M. Schenk (1804)
Hays, Kansas

I consider your medals an inspiring collection of gems and proudly exhibit them. I am in

favor of an album versus case. Your medals are so artistic, attractive and articulate, that an album like some coin albums, which permit one to see and study the obverse and reverse of the gems, without removing them from their fitting and would prove so much more efficient and effective.

God bless you and your grand art.

Rev. J. F. Gallant (1477)
Cambridge, Mass.

POTPOURRI

All the medals so far are very beautiful.

May I say that I think it would have been more fitting if the bible story in the NEWSLETTER for the reverse of Medal #4 had been Chapter 10, or part of it, of the Gospel of St. John about the Good Shepherd.

Having albums for the medals in the future are a good idea. The number of medals per album should be 12. There could be two pages of 6 medals each. This would not be such a heavy album and would make for easy storage and viewing.

I would like to see the Fatima Miracle of the Sun commemorated but in with a series of Medals honoring our Blessed Mother which I hope will follow the Life of Christ Series.

Bro. Michael Verhoff (0745)
Brunnerdale Seminary
Canton, Ohio

I concur with Mr. Mantone's suggestion for a special medal with the CCMS emblem and the bust of Christ on it.

Since you are now striking medals with two obverses, I must go along with the album idea, however, as an occasional exhibitor, I have really enjoyed the beautiful chests and have received many favorabe comments on their quality and the striking way they have set off the medals. I know you can't please everybody all the time and do appreciate your obvious concern for the membership, so I will vote with the majority. Would it be possible to let each member select either a chest or an album or maybe have the albums as standard issue and make the chests available at extra cost. Although half of the obverses wouldn't be viewable in chests at a show, the half that would be certainly would show off the products of our Society to great advantage. I would be glad to pay extra to continue my set in chests if at all possible.

Major James M. Earle
(1658)
Jacksonville, N.C.

PROGRESS

Your suggestion of changing from chests to albums has my heartfelt approval. It has been often discussed at home that the medals can be stored with ease and shown with pride if they

were stored in an album such as the "Franklin Mint Version of the Thomason Medallic Bible Bronze coins." Not that the chests are not beautiful, they are, but their storage is a constant source of concern.

My medals to date are a constant reminder that there is still some beauty left in this World of Turmoil. I am proud to be a member of your fine Society; keep up the good work.

William H. Betterman (1345)
Staten Island, N.Y.

In regards to changing to an album — by all means. It's an exceptionally good idea. It's too bad we have to lose the investment of the chests but then progress is progress.

Stan Patyk (0280)
Sauk Centre, Minnesota

• *It should not be overlooked by members that having one or two collector's chests can be utilized for effective displays and have proven very instrumental in winning prizes at many coin shows.*

QUESTION

Have all the medals minted been consistent in weight? The new plastic cases are a tremendous improvement. Are they available for past medals?

Dominick C. Spedicato (1621)
Philadelphia, Pa.

• *The Franklin Mint has continually supplied our Society the highest quality medals each with a minimum weight of 400 grains of sterling silver, of .925 fineness and a diameter of 39 millimeters. With the Life of Christ Series No. 3 Medal of the Baptism, the new 2 piece octagonal holder was introduced by the Franklin Mint. This new holder is shorter in height, thereby making the entire medal and holder package feel lighter in weight. The CCMS will announce in the next issue of the* NEWSLETTER, *the price and availability of these improved octagonal holders.*

MAILBAG IMPORTANCE

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tance of the MAILBAG and the important contribution it plays both as a public forum and an exchange of useful information. We urge everyone to read carefully each MAILBAG. One cannot only identify his own feelings with others, but can achieve a better understanding of the inner workings of a commemorative medal society. Editorial answers to MAILBAG letters are important in that they answer letters with statements on Society procedures, current policies, market information, accessories for sale, availability of other medals and many more. As with any mail order operation, correspondence is by far the most difficult and time consuming task. There are many letters needlessly written in answer to questions that wouldn't be asked, if the member had read the NEWSLETTER and MAILBAG.

MEDAL NO. 5
THE LIFE OF CHRIST SERIES
ISSUED BY THE CATHOLIC COMMEMORATIVE MEDAL SOCIETY

This month's CCMS commemorative depicts Christ's Sermon on the Mount on the obverse, and the Lord's Prayer on the reverse. The following is St. Luke's account of the Sermon on the Mount:

And coming down with them, he took his stand on a level stretch, with a crowd of his disciples, and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to listen to him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all the crowd were trying to touch him, for power went from him and healed all.

And he lifted up his eyes to his disciples, and said,

"Blessed are you poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. Blessed shall you be when men hate you, and when they shut you out, and reproach you, and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and exult, for behold your reward is great in heaven. For in the selfsame manner their fathers used to treat the prophets.

"But woe to you rich! for you are now having your comfort. Woe to you who are filled! for you shall hunger. Woe to you who laugh now! for you shall mourn and weep. Woe to you when all men speak well of you! In the selfsame manner their fathers used to treat the prophets.

"But I say to you who are listening. Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you. Bless those who curse you, pray for those who calumniate you. And to him who strikes thee on the one cheek, offer the other also; and from him who takes thy cloak, do not withhold thy tunic either. Give to everyone who asks of thee, and from him who takes away thy goods, ask no return. And even as you wish men to do to you, so also do you to them. And if you love those who love you, what merit have you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what merit have you? For even sinners do that. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive in return, what merit have you? For even sinners lend to sinners that they may get back as much in return. But love your enemies; and do good, and lend, not hoping for any return, and your reward shall be great, and you shall be children of the Most High, for he is kind towards the ungrateful and evil. Be merciful, therefore, even as your Father is merciful . . .

And he spoke a parable also to them, "Can a blind man guide a blind man?" Will not both fall into a pit? No disciple is above his teacher; but when perfected, everyone will be like his teacher. But why dost thou see the speck in thy brother's eye, and yet dost not consider the beam in thy own eye? And how canst thou say to thy brother, 'Brother, let me cast out the speck from thy eye,' while thou thyself dost not see the beam in thy own eye? Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam from thy own eye, and then thou wilt see clearly to cast out the speck from thy brother's eye.

"For there is no good tree that bears bad fruit, nor is there a bad tree that bears good fruit. For every tree is known by its fruit. For from thorns men do not gather figs, neither from a bramble do they harvest grapes. The good man from the good treasure brings forth that which is good; and the evil man from the evil treasure brings forth that which is evil. For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

"But why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and not practise the things I say? Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and acts upon them, I will show you what he is like: he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid a foundation upon rock. And when a flood came, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it was founded on rock. But he who has heard my words and has not acted upon them is like a man who built his house upon the ground without a foundation; against which the stream broke and straightway it fell in, and great was the wreck of that house." LUKE 6, 17-49

NEWSLETTER

Catholic Commemorative Medal Society, Lowery Building, 2821 Mahoning Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio

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MEMBERSHIP TO VOTE ON BUST OF CHRIST

Members are requested to fill in the enclosed SPECIAL BALLOT which would permit the issuance of an optional issue. The obverse of the medal would depict a large full bust or head portrait of Christ. The reverse would illustrate the seal or emblem of our Society.

This program would be handled in much the same way the very successful Cardinal Spellman Memorial Medal was handled. Sterling proofs would be limited to two per member and bronze specimens would be offered to nonmembers. This medal would be housed in the same handsome plush presentation case as was the Spellman issue.

All medals will be serial numbered, to insure security and to protect legitimate ownership of each and every medal struck. No member is obligated to purchase this optional issue.

This ballot also asks members whether they would be interested in having the option to buy this special made up in a solid 18 karat gold medal-pendant. The proposed gold-proof medal would be 19 millimeters in diameter or approximately one half the diameter of the present medals. This medal would contain approximately ten dollars worth of pure gold based on the U. S. Gold Standard price of $35.00 per ounce. The medal must be in the form of a pendant, with a loop arrangement so this will classify it as jewelry. U. S. Government regulations prohibit the manufacture and sale of solid gold medals *per se*. This loop would provide for many uses such as a necklace, pin, key chain, tie bar or bracelet charm. Special orders in platinum also would be proposed in either the 19 or 39 millimeter size. The platinum medals would not necessarily need a loop, as there are no Federal restrictions on platinum being used for medals.

The Cardinal Spellman Specials are eagerly sought after by

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IN THE MAILBAG

APPRECIATION

I can hardly tell you how pleased I am with the sheer beauty of this Life of Christ Series as I myself am an artist. Even though I work with oils and illuminated MSS, I can appreciate the problems of creating a work of art in the low-relief and small space of a coin. I must say that the artist, Mr. Frudakis, has succeeded in creating not only a work of art, but one which can inspire the viewer. I look forward with great anticipation to others in this series and thank you for making it possible for me to have these fine works of modern Christian art.

John E. Overall (0245)
Washington, D.C.

I am very pleased with the way the medals are turning out. I hope the exact perfection can be maintained in each and every medal.

John DeBlasis (1030)
Bellaire, Ohio

I am highly pleased with all the medals, subjects, and quality. I also approve of the proposed special issues of Fatima and the bust of Christ medals.

John R. Morris, M.D. (0310)
St. Louis, Missouri

My granddaughters (5 so far) are going to love these beautiful medals. As for a medal with the bust of Christ on one side and the CCMS seal on the other — yes, it's a fine idea.

Irene F. W. Dorsey (0873)
Millville, N. J.

As a matter of opinion, let me congratulate you for the superb Christ Series. They are a delight to the eye. I shall always remain grateful.

Dr. Carlos R. Garcia (1731)
Moca, Puerto Rico

The Life of Christ medals that were received are exquisite, and I am delighted with them. As I am an absolute beginner in this hobby, I am not very up on this

collecting business yet, but give me time!

Major Louise Ferraro (0525)
APO San Francisco, Calif.

In reference to the commemorative medal of the Miracle of Fatima — it would make a fine issuance. We're hoping you'll make a positive decision on this question. A medal or pin for the Society is also an excellent idea. We wish the medals could be issued more often—perhaps once a month. You've given us a beautiful collection so far. Just keep up the quality.

Walter & Judith Foster (0274)
Huntsville, Alabama

• *This letter is typical of the many requests for increasing the amount of medals the Society issues per year. According to our by-laws, it would take a two-thirds vote to change this. We feel that for a large number of members, this would create a burden for those with limited resources. We are sure that everyone would vote for one medal per month if say the price was $3.78 per medal! But, then this would be impossible if we are to maintain our highest of standards. We feel that it would be better to issue at least one optional medal per year outside of the regular series and thereby give each member the choice of buying or not. In no event will the Society permit flooding the market with these specials that will inturn diminish the exclusiveness and demand created by nonmembers wanting CCMS medals.*

WELCOME UTAH!

Perhaps it is unusual to have inquiries from here since Catholics are less than 5% of the Utah population. We happen to be the only Catholics in our area. I am also a Knights of Columbus member and you might be interested to know that we have an annual Knights of Columbus and Masonic Shriners banquet in Utah. The relationship is very cordial. We had the third annual affair recently with 240 in attendance. I am looking forward to the forthcoming medals and will see that our Bishop of Salt Lake City, Joseph L. Federal, sees the complete CCMS set up to date.

T. J. Kindred (0971)
Hyrum, Utah

• *Members may recall that in our Volume 1 Number 4* NEWSLETTER, *we had a state by state breakdown of where our members hailed from. You may remember that we had members in 49 of 50 states and six foreign countries. Utah now can be included since Mr. Kindred has become a member and we at last can say that CCMS members are in every state of the UNION.*

NEW MEMBERS

I have received the first five medals in the Life of Christ

Series and I am highly pleased with the workmanship. If this high quality is maintained these medals will be honorable additions to any collection.

Thank you for accepting my membership in the Society. I'm sure it will be a pleasant one.
Father Harry Gregowski (1809)
Chicago, Illinois

PROPOSAL

Just a few lines to say, having a special medal struck with the CCMS emblem is a good idea and should be put to a vote.

Also, I would like to ask if it would be possible to add a pictorial section to the NEWSLETTER. We could start with a picture of our Board of Directors and office personnel with background information. Seeing our medals struck at the Franklin Mint would also be very interesting. In this way I believe our Society will be drawn a little closer together through the use of pictures.

Thomas W. King (1153)
Uniondale, N. Y.

QUESTION

I would like to know why the collector's chests are so high? I belong to two other coin medal clubs and they are $1.00 cheaper and postpaid. They all hold ten medals while yours hold only six. I think the chest should hold more than six medals.

Frank Buonpane (0350)
Beaver, Washington

• *The difference in price is determined by volume. The two Societies that you speak of have two to three times more members than the CCMS. Also, the cost of striking, the cost of silver planchets, packaging, nameplates, plastic holders, etc., are naturally higher due to the smaller quantities we order.*

MEMBERS VOTE ON BUST OF CHRIST

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nonmembers who are gladly paying up to three times the price members paid. This may not have been the case if the mintage was not limited to two Silver proofs per member and available to members only.

There are some members who expressed fear that giving the CCMS Board of Directors a more liberal hand in the promotion of special issues such as the Cardinal Spellman Memorial Medal were questionable. On the contrary, the growing CCMS Waiting List of some 1500 people bears proof that the publicity obtained by our first special was an important factor in bringing to focus national attention to our society.

In conclusion, the Society will follow the same guidelines as with the Spellman Special and will continue to honor and respect the exclusiveness of every CCMS Membership.

MEDAL No. 6
THE LIFE OF CHRIST SERIES

ISSUED BY THE CATHOLIC COMMEMORATIVE MEDAL SOCIETY

This month's CCMS commemorative depicts the Temptation on the obverse and the Choosing of the 12 Apostles on the reverse. The following is an account of these events as told by Evangelists Luke and John.

The Temptation

Now Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan, and was led by the Spirit about the desert for forty days, being tempted the while by the devil. And he ate nothing those days, and when they were completed he was hungry.

And the devil said to him, "If thou art the Son of God, command that this stone become a loaf of bread." And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Not by bread alone shall man live, but by every word of God'."

And the devil led him up, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And he said to him, "To thee will I give all this power and their glory; for to me they have been delivered, and to whomever I will I give them. Therefore if thou wilt worship before me, the whole shall be thine." And Jesus answered and said to him, "It is written, 'The Lord thy God shalt thou worship and him only shalt thou serve'."

Then he led him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If thou art the Son of God, throw

thyself down from here; for it is written, 'He will give his angels charge concerning thee, to preserve thee'; and, 'Upon their hands they shall bear thee up, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone'."

And Jesus answered and said to him, "It is said, 'Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God'."

And when the devil had tried every temptation, he departed from him for a while.

LUKE 4, 1-13

The First Disciples

Again the next day John was standing there, and two of his disciples. And looking upon Jesus as he walked by, he said, "Behold the lamb of God!" And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus.

But Jesus turned round, and seeing them following him, said to them, "What is it you seek?" They said to him, "Rabbi (which interpreted means Master), where dwellest thou?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying; and they stayed with him that day. It was about the tenth hour.

Now Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who had heard John and had followed. He found first his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah (which interpreted is Christ)." And he led him to Jesus. But Jesus, looking upon him, said, "Thou art Simon, the son of John; thou shalt be called Cephas (which interpreted is Peter)."

The next day he was about to leave for Galilee, and he found Philip. And Jesus said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the town of Andrew and Peter.

Philip found Nathanael, and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and the Prophets wrote, Jesus the son of Joseph of Nazareth." And Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."

Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said of him, "Behold a true Israelite in whom there is no guile!" Nathanael said to him, "Whence knowest thou me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Peter called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee." Nathanael answered him and said, "Rabbi, thou art the Son of God, thou art King of Israel."

Answering, Jesus said to him, "Because I said to thee that I saw thee under the fig tree, thou dost believe. Greater things than these shalt thou see." And he said to him, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you shall see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man." JOHN 1, 35-51